

**JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF MONTANA**

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FROM: Martha Sheehy, Secretary
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SUBJECT: Applicants for Associate Water Court Judgeship

The Judicial Nomination Commission has forwarded the names of Michael Cusick, Donald MacIntyre, Russell McElyea, Douglas Ritter and Matthew Williams to Chief Justice Mike McGrath for consideration for appointment to the Associate Water Court judgeship created by the 2011 Legislature.

The Commission's actions follow the closure of a 30-day public comment period and public interviews of each candidate. Public comments for each nominee and minutes from the interviews may be viewed on the Judicial Nomination Commission's website at courts.mt.gov

The Chief Justice must fill the position within 30 days of receipt of the nominees from the Judicial Nomination Commission. The new judge will serve a four-year term.

Members of the Judicial Nomination Commission are District Judge Richard Simonton (chair) of Glendive; Shirley Ball of Nashua; Mona Charles of Kalispell; Monica Paoli of Missoula; Ryan Rusche of Columbia Falls; Martha Sheehy of Billings; and Paul Tuss of Havre.